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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Funding for the work described herein was provided by NIH grant #GM55877, which may have certain rights in the invention.--

REMARKS

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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